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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Report of the Conference on Disarmament (A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1)

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Urge the Conference on Disarmament to continue as a priority task its negotiations to conclude a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty;

(b) Note the recommendation of the Conference on Disarmament that the balance of its future work be considered more fully by the Conference before it decides which ad hoc committees, besides the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, should be established in 1995;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision, to the Conference on Disarmament, of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services;

(d) Request the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

2. Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1)

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.22, the General Assembly would:

(a) Call upon participants in the Conference on Disarmament to advance work on the basis of the rolling text during the inter-sessional negotiating period with a view to making substantial progress;

(b) Call also upon the Conference on Disarmament, upon the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban at the commencement of its 1995 session and renewal of its mandate, to proceed to a new phase of negotiation;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services for these negotiations.

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The above requests are related to major programme 1, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ and programme of activity 3, Disarmament, of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs I, of section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium for 1994-1995. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1, the Secretary-General would endeavour to provide the required administrative support to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, which is expected to be re-established by the Conference on Disarmament at the commencement of its 1995 session, and to the negotiation of a universal and internationally and effectively verifiable comprehensive test-ban treaty. It may be recalled that the General Assembly appropriated $184,000 under section 3B of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to render additional support to the Conference on Disarmament. It is estimated that a provision would be required, for the Geneva Branch of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs in 1995, of additional general temporary assistance funds to cover the services of one P-3 ($93,500) and one General Service (Other level) ($67,500) staff for a period of 10 work-months each. With respect to conference services, the sessions of

the Conference on Disarmament are part of the 1995 calendar of United Nations meetings and conferences. For 1995 it is planned, in addition to the usual requirements for conference services of its annual session, to convene seven weekly meetings for the inter-sessional work of the Conference on Disarmament, tentatively scheduled for the periods 15 to 26 May, 10 to 28 July and 20 November to 15 December 1995, to allow for the continuation of the negotiations on the nuclear-test-ban Treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban. The Conference on Disarmament would therefore be provided with adequate conference services for the inter-sessional meetings on negotiations on the nuclear-test-ban treaty in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban, including documentation and interpretation in all six official languages.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 1994-1995

5. The activities called for by the draft resolutions fall under paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of subprogramme 1 of subsection 3B, Department of Political Affairs I, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. The implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1 would require a total additional provision of $161,000 for general temporary assistance under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as follows:

	Thousands of United States dollars
Salary and common staff costs of 1 P-3 staff for 10 work-months in 1995	93.5
Salary and common staff costs of 1 General Service (Other level) staff for 10 work-months in 1995	67.5
Total	161.0

7. It is envisaged that the inter-sessional meetings of the Conference on Disarmament would require interpretation and translation services in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and these meetings would be included in the calendar of meetings and conferences in 1995.

F. Potential for absorption

8. It is assumed that the conference-servicing requirements for these meetings would be met from within resources programmed under subsection 25E, Office of

Conference Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Accordingly, no additional requirements for conference services would arise.

9. As indicated above, by its resolution 48/231 A of 23 December 1993, the General Assembly approved an additional appropriation of $184,000 under section 3B for the servicing of the Conference on Disarmament in 1994, on the basis of the requests contained in its resolutions 48/70 and 48/77 of 16 December 1993. The resources made available have not been fully utilized, as some staff requirements were met through the temporary use of a vacant post to accommodate the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament/Chief, Geneva Branch, Centre for Disarmament Affairs. An estimated saving in the amount of $105,500 has therefore been realized and would be available to offset the total estimated cost of $161,000. It is also anticipated that the additional net requirements of $55,500 could be met from resources available under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Summary

10. On the basis of the information provided above, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/49/L.17/Rev.1 and A/C.1/49/L.22/Rev.1, it is anticipated that net additional requirements of $55,500 for general temporary assistance for the servicing of the Conference on Disarmament in 1995 would be met from resources available under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. 1.

2/ Ibid., Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/48/6/Rev.1).